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## BEACON HILL HOLDS HOLIDAY STROLL



Families gathered along Charles Street for the Beacon Hill Holiday Stroll, presented by the Beacon Hill Business Association, on December 1. Shown above, Steph Hadley, Claudia Boyan, Santa Claus, Melanie Bertani, Amy, and Rolph Hollywood. Shown right, Back Bay Ringers, Adrianne Weir, Greg Urban, Peter Grossman, and Griff Gall, artistic director, playing, "Go Tell it on the Mountain." See Pages 6, 7 and 8 for more photos.



PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA

## Prescott House to host holiday house Dec. 9-11

By Dan Murphy

The National Society of Colonial Dames of Massachusetts will be opening up its headquarters, The William Hickling Prescott House at 55 Beacon St., from Friday, Dec. 9, through Sunday, Dec. 11, for its first holiday open-house.

Friday's activities will run between 5 and 8 p.m. and include live music on the Prescott House's 1808 piano by Jayne Young; Saturday's activities will run from 1 to 5 p.m. and feature a concert by the Back Bay Bell Ringers; and Sunday's activities will run from 1 to 5 p.m. and include a performance by the Boston College Madrigal Singers.

Susan Bennett, historic preservation manager for NSC-DA-Massachusetts, said: "Gilded Christmas' is our first public open house for the holidays, and we are delighted the scaffolding for our façade project will be removed the day before our holiday event so we can throw our doors open to the



D. MURPHY PHOTO

The William Hickling Prescott House at 55 Beacon St. is seen last week during the restoration of its façade.

public to celebrate the completion of the project."

The Prescott House is expected to wrap up an extensive renovation

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## Friends—for different seasons and reasons—make life better

Special to Times

Everyone knows friends make life better. The year 2022 was made better by the incorporation of a nonprofit women's friendship group, Chestnuts Friends Over Fifty (CFOF). It was originally conceived in 2016 by residents Martha McAllister and Pat Carucci and was designed as a way for the older woman in our community to connect with others with common interests. It filled a need, and the Chestnut group grew very quickly. Today, the group has over 125 members who live in Beacon Hill, Back Bay, and other parts of Boston.

Women's friendships form traditionally through their educational endeavors, careers, children, and pets. Each of those have a season, and as time goes by, it can be hard to connect with others, especially without a reason or a structure. Making the leap from waving to a neighbor, to enjoying an outing

together, can take months or even years. The Chestnut framework is structured to fast-track strong interpersonal connections.

Each month, CFOF has many offerings suitable for a wide variety of interests, comprising different member-run activities.. These include afternoon and evening book groups, a cooking group, a small group gathering of four-10 called "Small Spots," and a weekly walking group. There are also groups for pickle ball, mahjong and bridge and wine tasting. Additional offerings include dinners and lunch at restaurants and special cultural events such as theater, concerts and museum exhibits. All of these are initiated and run by members. Some events are an optional "plus one," which means that members can bring along a husband, friend or neighbor.

For some Chestnut activities, there is a philanthropic purpose.

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## Resident petition urging city to change trash pickup time

By Dan Murphy

In an effort to help curb the neighborhood's prolific rodent problem, one resident has started a petition urging the city to adopt an 8 a.m. pickup time on Mondays and Fridays for trash and recyclables on Beacon Hill, as well as to

mandate same day-placement of trash for pickup by residents.

Diana Coldren of Charles River Square launched the online petition at [https://www.change.org/p/stop-the-rat-buffet-in-beacon-hill?recruiter=10039145&recruited\\_by\\_id=a29c1c80-5b31-](https://www.change.org/p/stop-the-rat-buffet-in-beacon-hill?recruiter=10039145&recruited_by_id=a29c1c80-5b31-0130-25de-3c764e0455b2&utm_source=share_petition&utm_campaign=share_for_starters_page&utm_medium=copylink)

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## BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

### Thank you, Holiday Decorators!

The Beacon Hill Civic Association would like to thank all who braved the elements last Friday, Saturday and Sunday to decorate the lampposts. If you have a lamppost near you that was not decorated, call the BHCA office

to see what can be done.

### Upcoming Meetings

Architecture Committee – Monday, December 12th at 4:30 via Zoom

### Save the Date!

50th Annual Beacon Hill

Gala – February 11, 2023 at The Newbury

Visit the Beacon Hill Civic Association website [www.bhcivic.org](http://www.bhcivic.org) or call the office (617-227-1922) to learn more about the BHCA and how you can get involved.

# EDITORIAL

## FREEDOM ISN'T FREE: PEARL HARBOR WAS 81 YEARS AGO:

It was 81 years ago this week that the nation of Japan launched its attack on the United States at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941.

The very next day, President Franklin D. Roosevelt convened a joint session of Congress in which he famously declared the attack as, "A day that will live in infamy," and asked Congress for a Declaration of War against Japan. Germany and Italy, allies of the Japanese who collectively were known as the Axis, then declared war on the U.S., setting the stage for what would become the largest conflagration in world history.

Hundreds of thousands of Americans would die in battlefronts stretching from the European continent to the jungle islands of the Pacific over the next three and one-half years before the German and Japanese war machines finally were subdued.

For more than two years prior to the attack, America had stayed out of the war that already had engulfed most of the rest of the world in the aftermath of the German invasion of Poland on September 1, 1939. By the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hitler's Nazis had conquered all of continental Europe and much of Africa, while the Japanese had invaded almost all of Asia, save for the U.S. outposts in the Philippines and other small islands in the Pacific.

Americans clung to the belief that our isolation, separated from the rest of the world by two oceans, would keep us out of the war. Americans had no appetite for re-engaging in another conflict just 23 years removed from the memories of World War I that still were fresh in our nation's psyche.

But after Pearl Harbor, we no longer could keep our heads buried in the sand. Although America had re-instituted the draft some months prior to Pearl Harbor and had ramped up our military production capabilities, the suddenness of the Japanese attack still came as a shock to every American.

Americans realized that thanks to the capabilities of modern armaments such as Japanese aircraft carriers and German U-boats, even the continental United States was not insulated from attack by a foreign enemy. Citizens on the West Coast braced for a Japanese invasion in the aftermath of Pearl Harbor and curfews were instituted on the Eastern Seaboard.

Thanks to the countless number of documentaries and movies over the past 20 years that have told the stories of the brave Americans who fought in WWII, we are fortunate to have a living history of the sacrifices made by The Greatest Generation.

The lessons of Pearl Harbor are many, but chief among them is that freedom isn't free -- and that we always must be vigilant to recognize the forces of evil that seek to destroy our way of life.

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## GUEST OP-ED

### Christmas rest and peace

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Christmas is a good time to catch up on your pumpkin pie eating. Pecan pie seems readily available so this too is a good option. Try to drink one glass of eggnog during the season of joy. Eggnog does have some calories and fat grams but one glass won't hurt you too bad. I don't recommend drinking a gallon.

If you had turkey and ham for Thanksgiving, you may have it again for Christmas. There is nothing wrong with repeating the Thanksgiving meal especially if it was good. If it was bad then you might consider something else. The only time of the year that I eat much turkey or country ham is during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. Be careful eating too much of that smoked Turkey and ham because they can be a bit salty. You don't want to swell up like a balloon on Christmas.

Christmas should be a relaxing time. If you believe Santa Claus is coming then let him take care of the work. Surely, he will show up. Just ask him to bring dinner when he comes. Make sure he comes in the front door. I don't know about bringing broccoli casserole down the chimney.

If you are putting up lights, now is the time to do so. You want to have time to enjoy the lights and the more you string together and

cover your house the more electricity you are using. This in turn creates a big electric bill but you are keeping the paychecks going for the utility people.

The main thing is don't go crazy this Christmas. You don't have to buy everything. The stores love for you to max out your credit cards but you won't love it in February and March when you are paying it back. Use commonsense when it comes to the entire season. Eat a piece of pie but don't eat the pie. Eat a slice of turkey but don't eat the turkey. Decorate if you wish but you don't have to spend a week putting up lights. They all have to come back down you know. Spend only what you can afford. If you can't afford much then don't press yourself to do what you cannot do.

Christmas is the birthday of Jesus but we often make it a day of bedlam. The birth of Jesus was in Bethlehem. His parents were poor. They had gone to an out of the way town to pay their taxes. There was no place for them to sleep. They slept in a barn and Jesus was born while they were there. Mary laid him in a cow's trough. They were

poor, tired and life was not very easy for Mary, Joseph and Jesus.

Keep in mind that Jesus came to save us from our sins. He came to give us peace. The Bible calls him the Prince of Peace. Most people need some peace and one way to have more peace is to focus on the baby of Christmas. Christ is comfort and peace.

You don't always find your peace at church. The church isn't Jesus. If your church is stressing you out, harping about money every Sunday, and pulling you in ten different directions then you might consider taking a step back and reevaluating.

The season of joy is here. Don't depend on others to create joy for you. Get alone with God every day and focus on him. You'll discover a peace and a rest that only He can provide.

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FRIENDS (from pg. 1)



CFOF members at last month's meeting of their Book Club.



CFOF's Cooking Group.



CFOF members at a Give & Gather book-and-clothing drive event in October.

For instance, this fall the Chestnuts held a party to benefit

Birthday Wishes is an organization that provides birthday parties to homeless children. There was also a coffee and book drive for More Than Words, a nonprofit which supports vulnerable young adults. In February 2023, a party is planned to benefit Dress for Success, an organization for empowering women to achieve economic independence.

When asked, many Chestnut members were quick to express the value the organization holds for their lives.

"The Chestnuts is a wonderful community within the village that offers an open exchange of ideas, interests, and activities for women over 50. The result is a dynamic community where growth, enlightenment, and friendships flourish," said Joanne A.

"I am honored to be amongst this fabulous group of women. The Chestnuts offer a variety of social events that bring a community together," said Paige W.

"What makes the Chestnuts thrive is its very talented, kind and invested members and leaders. They seem to love nothing more than to spread joy and goodwill to all they meet," said Martha M.

"I'm so happy to be a Chestnuts' member. It's an engaged community of like-minded women who support each other, have fun and foster friendships," said Ann C.

"Knowing each month that there are new activities and outings gives me something to look forward to. In addition, I enjoy these new experiences that I might not have pursued on my own," said Julie M.

The Chestnuts, FOF is operated by a close-knit board of directors who are also friends—Beth Sanders, Justine Laugharn, Lisa Purcell, Martha McAllister, Monica Noether, Pat Carucci, Sally Harr, and Wendy Oleksiak. Contact chestnuts2020@gmail.com to learn more about the group.



CFOF members enjoying a Roofdeck Party with a Purpose.

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CFOF members and friends at a wine tasting (plus one) event.



CFOF members taking a tour of the Boston Athenaeum during a special event on the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 6.



CFOF members at the group's holiday party.

# Edwards secures state funding money for community projects

Senator Lydia Edwards Secures over \$2 Million in State Funding for East Boston, Revere, Wintthrop, & Cambridge in the annual State Budget & Economic Development Bill

In her first year in office, Senator Lydia Edwards worked with her colleagues in the House, & with Senate leadership to secure over \$2 million of funding for housing support programs, open space, homelessness response & prevention, public safety, and legal services. "This year I was proud to secure over \$2 Million for import-

ant community projects across the First Suffolk & Middlesex District. This year the Commonwealth has a massive infusion of federal funds from ARPA & COVID relief, and increased tax revenue. We must take full advantage of this surplus and reinvest in our communities" said Senator Lydia Edwards (D-Boston).

This session Sen. Edwards has secured over \$1 Million in direct funding for water transportation. \$1 Million to fund regional a ferry service connecting Wintthrop, Lynn, Quincy, East Boston

and Boston as mitigation resulting from the renovation of the Boston Harbor Tunnels.

"This session I have worked with a bipartisan group of my Senate colleagues, and Senate leadership to secure millions of dollars of funding for ferry programs across our district. A robust ferry system is more important than ever, as we recover from the pandemic, with Sumner Tunnel construction, the housing crunch, and issues with the MBTA. Moreover, rising housing costs in Boston are pushing people and families to look for

housing further from the urban hub, we must have effective transit options for people moving to the North and South shores." said Senator Lydia Edwards (D-Boston).

In the budget, Senator Edwards also secured \$50,000 for the Brazilian Worker Center, which works to protect the rights of Brazilian immigrants, and domestic workers, and \$50,000 for the Friends of the Belle Isle Marsh, and \$200,000 for the Possible Zone which offers programming to youth that builds entrepreneurial skills.

In the Economic Development bill Senator Edwards secured \$100,000 for Citizens' Housing and Planning Association, Inc. to support programming which combats racial discrimination in housing in the Commonwealth. The Senator also secured \$200,000 for Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations for outreach, resource creation and pilot programs to encourage fiscally sound, innovative methods to stop the displacement of small businesses and tenants.

# Jack Fleming appointed President and CEO of the Boston Athletic Association

The Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.) announced today that Jack Fleming has been named President and Chief Executive Officer of the organization, effective immediately. Fleming brings more than three decades of experience at the B.A.A. to his new leadership role. His appointment follows a five-month-long national search.

"After a thorough process featuring a group of diverse candidates from across the country with various backgrounds, our Board decided that Jack was the best person for our organization based on his in-depth knowledge of the industry, the B.A.A. in particular, our athletes, and the communities we serve," said Dr. Michael P. O'Leary, Chairman of the B.A.A.

Board. "We are confident in Jack's ability to take on this next challenge and thrive, moving our mission forward."

"It is an honor to guide the Boston Athletic Association as we embark together on our next chapter, building upon our 135-year history," said Fleming, who had been serving as acting Chief Executive Officer since May 1, 2022. "The B.A.A. has long been a leader in the sport of running and within Greater Boston. I have witnessed the unifying power that running can have in our community and look forward to a renewed and reenergized focus on our events, community initiatives, and programming. The entire B.A.A. team is committed to finding new and innovative ways we can lead and

grow the sport as one."

Prior to serving as acting Chief Executive Officer, Fleming was Chief Operating Officer of the B.A.A. from 2017 through 2022. Since 1992 Fleming has held a variety of roles within the organization, most notably within the communications, marketing, and sponsorship departments. As COO Fleming was responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the B.A.A. and built a strategy that centered around the organization's vision statement: Committed to a world where all people can access and benefit from running and an active lifestyle.

O'Leary added, "Jack's contributions to the organization have been unprecedented, and we fully appreciate and understand his

dedication and commitment to the B.A.A. as a whole. We have witnessed Jack's continued growth since 1992, and his vision, enthusiasm, and knowledge make him perfect for this role."

Prior to Fleming, Tom Grill served as CEO/Executive Director from 2011 through 2022 as well as President from 2020 to 2022, while Guy Morse was Executive Director from 2000 through 2010.

Established in 1887, the Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.) is a non-profit organization with a mission to promote a healthy lifestyle through sports, especially running. The B.A.A. is committed to a world where all people can access and benefit from running and an active lifestyle. The B.A.A. advances its mission and vision in a

variety of ways, such as organizing mass-participatory running events like the Boston Marathon (the world's oldest annual marathon), creating and supporting community fitness events, and sponsoring a running club that serves the greater Boston area.

The B.A.A. believes that everyone—no matter their race, gender, or background—should be able to advance their well-being safely and without fear or discrimination of any kind. The organization is committed to fostering a workplace and community that is diverse, equitable, inclusive and promotes a sense of belonging for all. To learn more about the B.A.A., please click here.

## TRASH (from pg. 1)

of its target of 200 signatures.

"Currently, residential trash and recycling must be placed on the curb between 5 p.m. the

night before trash collection at 6 a.m., wrote Colden. "Most trash is placed out the evening beforehand. On some streets, trash often is not

collected until late afternoon. The rat 'buffet' lasts for almost 24 hours."

Trash and recyclables are currently picked up on Beacon Hill on Mondays and Fridays at 6 a.m. per the terms of the five-year, \$28 million contract that the city entered into with East Boston-based Capitol Waste Services on July 1, 2019.

Prior to this, the pickup time for trash and recycles in the neighborhood was 7 a.m. on Mondays and Fridays.

"While the city trash contract may not be up until 2024, it is important to advocate for a change as soon as feasibly possible, added Colden. "Reported rodent activity on 311 is up 48 percent in

Boston since the change to 6 a.m. trash pick-up time."

In addition to signing the petition, Colden also urges residents to notify the city by calling 311 or using the 311 app to report every rat sighting or evidence of rats (i.e. burrows, chewed trash, droppings, etc.)

Meanwhile, the City Council's Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology will hold a public hearing to discuss an order for a hearing to discuss pest control in the city, as well as an order for a hearing to discuss trash containerization in Boston, on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 11 a.m. in the Iannella Chamber, fifth floor, at City Hall.

The public may also watch this hearing via live stream at [www.boston.gov/city-council-tv](http://www.boston.gov/city-council-tv). Members of the public wishing to testify virtually via videoconference should email the staff contact at [ron.cobb@boston.gov](mailto:ron.cobb@boston.gov) for a link and instructions to do so.

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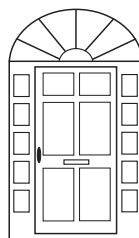
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### HOLIDAY HOUSE (from pg. 1)

tion of its façade today, Thursday, Dec. 8.

The project kicked off in October and included the restoration and rehabilitation of the cornice, pilasters, balcony, and fourth-floor facade elements, as well as the bow front-windows. Altogether, the project cost around \$125,000, which was underwritten via a \$50,000 Community Preservation Act (CPA) grant from the city, as well as through generous grants from the Amelia Peabody Charitable Fund, the Webster Foundation, and the Grace Thaler Memorial Fund, respectively, according to Bennett.

“We are restoring the façade of this important Federal-era structure designed by Asher Benjamin in 1808,” said Bennett. “The Colonial Dames is a dedicated historic-preservation organization with properties on Beacon Hill, and in Quincy, Mass., and Southeastern Mass., and the façade project is just the latest example of our commitment to keeping our structures in good repair, and to doing historically appropriate restoration.”

Lydia Kimball, president of NSCDA-Massachusetts, said in a press release: “We are excited

to open up Prescott House at 55 Beacon St. for this special holiday weekend to share our beautiful mansion across from the Boston Common so that more people can experience what life was like for a Beacon Hill family in the 1800s. Our headquarters is one of the top examples of Federal architecture in Boston. It was built in 1808 for the Boston merchant, James Smith Colburn on land purchased from John Singleton Copley, America’s most accomplished colonial portrait painter, who once owned the land.”

In anticipation of this weekend’s open house, Patricia Tully, executive director, Beacon Hill Civic Association, said in a press release: “We’re so excited for ‘A Gilded Christmas’ at Prescott House this year. We have always thought that Prescott House was a ‘neighborhood hidden gem’ and believe that it’s a great idea to open up this historic museum for a holiday weekend to share it with friends and neighbors alike.”

Admission is \$10 for adults, and is free for children 12 and under, and for NSCDA-MA members.

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Families gathered along Charles Street for the Beacon Hill Holiday Stroll, presented by the Beacon Hill Business Association, on December 1. Visitors kept cozy with hot chocolate and cider as they enjoyed a tree lighting ceremony, and explored local boutiques and cafes for holiday shopping. Christmas music was performed by the Back Bay Ringers, Beacon Hill Village Carolers, Brass Quartet, and the John Everett Band. Many children had the opportunity to meet Santa at Hill House and just make sure that their wish list was not lost.



Doctor Carl Herbert and Jo Frances Meyer admiring a cardinal ornament at Upstairs Downstairs.



Lily Cherniske, Katherine Morse, Owner of Flat of the Hill, Andrea Collins, Cathy Henvey, and Mary Leonard.



Beacon Hill resident, Bradley Bitzer, and Kiersten Crowe, searching for non-fiction in the Beacon Hill Books & Café.



Victoria Cirillo and Kerry Maloney drinking hot cider in the Beacon Hill Books & Café court yard.



Lisa Macalaster, Jesse Mattison, Chris DiBona, and Michael Carter, performing Christmas carols in The Paramount.

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Emma, 9, and Eleanor Buckley, 7, sitting with Santa at Hill House.



Blackstones owners, Jennifer and Jim Hill, with Asma Akbar



Bob and Laura Cousineau, sitting in the storefront window of their store, Upstairs Downstairs.



Steven, Catherine, and Jeremy Knuesel, 4-years-old, enjoying the tree lighting.



Massachusetts Eye and Ear nurses, Cherry Maddela-Garrido, Hong Yi Chan, and Melissa Hinchins, with cups of hot chocolate from The Paramount.



Jack, 5-months-old, sitting on Santa's lap at Hill House.

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# NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

## VIRTUAL PROGRAM EXPLORES LIVES OF DOMESTIC HELP AT THE NICHOLS HOUSE

The Nichols House Museum hosts "Uncovering Stories of Domestic Staff at 55 Mt. Vernon" - a virtual program on recent research into the individuals who lived and worked at the Nichols House - on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 6:30 p.m.

Hear about the lives of those who worked "downstairs" and lived on the top floor of the Nichols House at this virtual talk. Join us as we dive into the archives, local to national, and explore the narratives of a handful of these individuals before, during, and after their employment by the Nichols family. Also, catch highlights of holiday seasons past.

This talk is presented by Nichols House Museum Visitor Services Representative and Suffolk University History student, Annaliese Arnsten. Annaliese spent the last 10 weeks diving into these histories to better share them with you. This project is a work in progress, and the museum hopes to share even more with you in the months to come.

Tickets are \$6 for members and

those on a tighter budget, \$12 for a general ticket, and \$18 for a supporter ticket. Registration is required through Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/uncovering-stories-of-domestic-staff-at-55-mount-vernon-tickets-465890520087>.

## VILNA SHUL'S FIFTH ANNUAL HANUKKAH A CAPPELLA CONCERT SET FOR DEC. 11

The Vilna Shul, located at 18 Phillips St., presents its fifth annual Community-Wide Hanukkah A Cappella Concert on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

The concert will feature Manginah from Brandeis, Berkalit from Berklee College of Music, and Honorable Menschen, a post-collegiate group in Greater Boston, as well as guest performances by local middle and high school students.

This program is by and for the Boston Jewish community and their loved ones. College students, young professionals, and families of all ages are welcome.

This event will be in person and live streamed. Tickets are \$10 each or \$25 for families.

Visit <https://vlnashul.org/events/event/community-wide-hanukkah-a-cappella-concert> to register and for more information.

## SILENT HOLIDAY FILMS WITH LIVE SCORE AT LYMAN ESTATE IN WALTHAM

Join Historic New England in the Lyman Estate Ballroom, located at 185 Lyman St. in Waltham, on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m., for a live (or livestream) performance as members of the New England Film Orchestra play an original score by composer Alan Kryszak to accompany a collection of four enchanting silent holiday films. These picturesque comedies and tender dramas, produced as cinematic Christmas cards to moviegoers of the silent era, evoke the Victorian charm of Currier and Ives prints and offer a nostalgic peek into the Yuletide pleasures of the early 1900's.

Tickets are \$20 each for members and \$30 each for non-members, while the livestream costs \$10. Visit <https://my.historic-newengland.org/13871/silent-film> for more information.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### MEDITATION AND THE AGING BRAIN WITH SARA W. LAZAR, PH.D.

Many people are seeking techniques to help manage stress, build resiliency, and improve focus. Dr. Lazar will present information about how meditation and yoga impact the brain. These brain changes enhance emotional control, reduce pain, and improve memory and problem solving. She'll also discuss how these changes persist compared to training in crossword puzzles and sudoku.

Sara W. Lazar, PhD is an Associate Professor in the Psychiatry Department at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard



Sara W. Lazar, PhD.

Medical School. Her research focuses on elucidating the neural

mechanisms underlying the beneficial effects of yoga and meditation, both in clinical settings and in healthy individuals. She has been practicing yoga and mindfulness meditation since 1994. Her research has been covered by numerous news outlets including The New York Times, USA Today, CNN, and WebMD.

This Zoom webinar is presented in partnership with the Boston Public Library, as part of Beacon Hill Village's Living Well Ending Well series. Registration is required by clicking this link or by calling Beacon Hill Village at 617-723-9713. Registrants will receive a reminder and Zoom webinar invitation the day prior to the program.

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## BEACON HILL ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

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The public can offer testimony. Discussion Topics Violation Hearing APP # 23.0435 BH 107 Chestnut Street #2

Proposed Work: Ratification of unapproved floodlights

Design Review

APP # 23.0435 BH 107 Chestnut Street #2

Proposed Work: Install new trellis

APP # 23.0344 BH 103 Charles Street

Proposed Work: New Intercom APP # 23.0381 BH 5 West Cedar Street

Proposed Work: Replace front door hardware, paint the front door Hague Blue, repaint front entry Wimborne White, repaint windows black, move kitchen door light fixture, replace plastic dryer vent with a copper model, replace downspout conductors (2) with new copper downspout conductors with new design (See Additional Items Under Administrative Review)

APP # 23.0425 BH 51 Hancock Street

Proposed Work: Request for an extension of the previously grant-

ed approval of the roof deck.

Administrative Review/Approval

APP # 23.0442 BH 107 Chestnut Street: At the rear second and third floor, replace six, 8 over 8, wood sash sets, reuse existing frames, brick mold and sills. Repaint black forest green.

APP # 23.0409 BH 88 Mount Vernon Street: Grind and repoint brick front, top 25ft high by 35ft wide of side elevation (Willow street) starting back from front corner and all inside courtyard. Use recommended mix of five parts sand, two parts lime and one part type 1 & 2 Portland cement. Repair lintels and sills in courtyard area as needed in kind

APP # 23.0392 BH 89 Mount Vernon Street: Remove and replace slate roof due to interior leaks and deteriorating slate, replace all copper gutters, downspouts and fittings, due to gutters being pitched

the wrong way, Repointing top courses of brick, demo and rebuild chimney due to significant leaning

APP # 23.0382 BH 83 Myrtle Street: Replace basement level six-lite, wood window with replica

APP # 23.0441 BH 54 Temple Street: At front façade level one, replace one, 2 over 2, wood, non-historic window with a 2 over 2, wood, double hung window using the existing frame.

APP # 23.0381 BH 5 WEST Cedar Street #708: Replace the three-tab asphalt shingle roof with slate, all flashings copper, replace the metal skylight with a new copper skylight with the same profiles, glass size, dimensions, and exposure above the finished roof, replace all copper gutters with new gutters with "Boston" profile, replace 3" copper downspouts with new 3" copper, round downspouts, restore 18 windows, replace aluminum rake flashing

with copper flashing (See Additional Items Under Design Review)

APP # 23.0443 BH 10 West Cedar Street: At front façade, replace all the front elevation sash sets. Level one are two, 2 over 2, and one, 6 over 6 windows, Level two are two, 9 over 6, Level three are two, 6 over 6 windows and dormer level, are two, 4 over 4, and two, 6 over 6 windows. All new sash sets will be constructed using the original frames, brick molding and wood sills. All new sash sets to be wood and double hung, true divided light and painted Tri-Corn black at exterior. All sash rails will match an original lower number West Cedar Street muntin design, 3/4" Muntin and 3/16" exterior wood stem

Ratification of 11-17-2022 Public Hearing Minutes

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ing Santa get an early start.

This month, our carriers will be out delivering in the early mornings in many communities. To help keep your letter carrier safe, we ask you to keep your porch light on, especially if you notice mail has not yet been delivered.

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- Make it easy with the Click-N-Ship feature. You can create shipping labels and pay for postage online at [usps.com/ship](https://usps.com/ship).

- Schedule a free Package Pickup when the carrier delivers your mail. It's free, regardless of the number of packages. Pickups can be scheduled at [usps.com/pickup](https://usps.com/pickup).

- Mail and packages that weigh more than 10 ounces or are more than a half-inch thick and use stamps as postage cannot be dropped into a collection box or left for a carrier to pick up. Instead, take them to a local Post Office.

- Sign up for Informed Delivery. Keep an eye on your deliveries by registering at [informedelivery.usps.com](https://informedelivery.usps.com) to see what packages are enroute and to receive daily emails showing what mail will be delivered.

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Gehl, Kevin R	Nancy Macchia 2021 IRT	457 Beacon St #5	\$968,000
Fenwick, Robert B	Connors William P 3rd Es	352 Commonwealth Ave #2	\$1,249,000
Paushkin, Sergey	Hundred Club Of Mass Inc	17 Gloucester St #2	\$1,800,000
<b>BEACON HILL</b>			
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General Hospital Corp	DMP Blossom Court LLC	75 Blossom St	\$9,000,000
Hascotes, Vasilios S	Chestnut Street RT	142 Chestnut St #8	\$2,750,000
Hascotes, Vasilios S	Chestnut Street RT	142 Chestnut St #9	\$2,750,000
John, Brewster P	Berenson, Eleanore W	72 Mount Vernon St #3A72	\$1,875,000
Sparrow, Erin D	Alderman, Jeremy N	45 Temple St #507	\$1,550,000
Karaa, Shoreh	Crowe, Michael K	6 Whittier Pl #14M	\$530,000
<b>BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE</b>			
Waterside T	Stone, Anne L	285 Columbus Ave #708	\$1,470,000
Neugebauer, Sydney E	FPG Lagrange Owner 1 LLC	55 Lagrange St #1009	\$269,200
Zhou, Shuyuan	FPG Lagrange Owner 1 LLC	55 Lagrange St #1108	\$905,000
Ma, Xin	FPG Lagrange Owner 1 LLC	55 Lagrange St #1209	\$940,000
Mabrey, Carleton	FPG Lagrange Owner 1 LLC	55 Lagrange St #307	\$269,200
Yu, Xuefei	FPG Lagrange Owner 1 LLC	55 Lagrange St #509	\$760,000
Amada, Alexandra S	FPG Lagrange Owner 1 LLC	55 Lagrange St #606	\$164,800
Huang, Weihua	FPG Lagrange Owner 1 LLC	55 Lagrange St #909	\$869,000
Maling, Mareil	Boer, Alexander J	45 Saint Botolph St #204	\$1,385,000
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# Attention to Detail

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## THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The woodwork in the last clue is on the Green Dragon Tavern at 11 Marshall St. This corner leads to Creek Square. In colonial times, a canal connected this area to the harbor for maritime commerce. Today's answer is from Captain John Bonner's 1722 map. It shows this canal, called Mill Creek, running through this area.

Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

## THIS WEEK'S CLUE



### SEND US YOUR NEWS

The Times encourages residents to submit engagement, wedding and birth announcements, news releases, business and education briefs, sports stories and photos for publication. Items should be forwarded to our offices at 385 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151. Items can also be faxed to 781-485-1403. We also encourage readers to e-mail news releases and photos to [deb@reverejournal.com](mailto:deb@reverejournal.com).

# BHCA THANKS HOLIDAY DECORATORS

The Beacon Hill Civic Association (BHCA) would like to thank all who braved the elements last Friday, Saturday and Sunday to decorate the lampposts. If you have a lamppost near you that was not decorated, call the BHCA office to see what can be done.



Jeannette Herrmann and Dave Uhrenholdt prepare to tackle South Russell Street.



Genean Stec and Patrick Lee working on Anderson Street.



Suffolk students from Theta Phi Alpha came out en masse to decorate Joy Street.

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